

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 13, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the present application includes claims directed to two separate inventions. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that Group I, consisting of claims 1-20, is drawn to a method of assessing a risk of sudden cardiac death and Group II, consisting of claims 21-40, is drawn to a method identifying a patient for an on-going sudden cardiac death risk assessment. Based upon this finding, the Examiner requested the Applicant to elect to prosecute only a single invention in the present application.

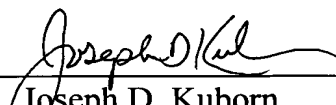
By the present response, the Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, including claims 1-20, without traverse. By the present response, claims 21-40 have been withdrawn from consideration and may be pursued in a separate divisional application.

The Applicant's undersigned attorney wishes to acknowledge and appreciates the telephone call on August 31, 2006 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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